

# Barton County Democrat.

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GREAT BEND, KANSAS.

## CURRENT COMMENT.

ACCORDING to the Chicago Tribune's table the total number of persons who committed suicide in the United States during 1898 was 5,920. In 1897 there were 6,000 suicides.

PROF. DAYTON C. MILLER, of Case school, Cleveland, O., has constructed an instrument which will measure to one twenty-millionth of an inch. The principle is waves of light.

THE government fast mail a short time ago made the run from New York to San Francisco in 97 hours and 55 minutes, including all stops, being an average speed of 37.2 miles an hour.

THE Greeks have decided to exclude all bachelors from their parliament. They reason that an unmarried man has no stake in the commonwealth and that if he is represented he really should expect nothing further.

GREATER CHICAGO is in sight, steps having been taken to secure legislation to consolidate the city and county governments and abolish the township organizations. To accomplish the desired result an amendment to the constitution will be necessary.

THE newspapers of Rome recently announced that a wealthy American woman had a gold snuff box, incrust with diamonds, made by one of the best jewelers of Rome, as a New Year's offering to the pope, and put a check for \$50,000 inside it.

THERE was a conference at the interior department at Washington the other day between Secretary Bliss and certain officials over Indian territory problems and it was decided to appoint a superintendent of schools and inaugurate a system of thorough education in the territory.

THE Sacramento Bee recently publishes the details of one of the greatest engineering problems ever originated in California. It is nothing less than the diversion of the flow of the Yuba river for hydraulic mining. It calls for the condemnation of many thousands of acres of land and the construction of many miles of main canal and levees.

ADJ. GEN. CORBIN, in a recent letter to Chairman Hull, of the house military committee, compares the cost of the proposed army reorganization under the Hull bill, reported to the house, and the present regular military establishment. The adjutant general gives the present cost of the regular army at \$24,443,480 and the cost under the proposed Hull bill, \$24,053,565.

GEN. CLEMENT A. EVANS, who was chairman of the commission appointed by the governor of Georgia in response to a resolution adopted by the last legislature requiring the members to secure information as to the location of the graves of confederate soldiers who died in northern military prisons, reported that about 22,000 confederate dead were buried in northern states.

GEN. JOHN BARON left Washington on the 6th for Porto Rico to undertake the supervision of education in the island. As superintendent of freedmen under Gen. Grant he organized schools in several states and was for 16 years United States commissioner of education. He was consulted in shaping the educational systems of Japan, Egypt, Bulgaria, Chili and other South American countries.

CIRCUIT JUDGE SETTLER created a sensation at Bowling Green, Ky., the other day by his charge to the grand jury. The charge was on the subject of gambling. The judge instructed the jury to return indictments for every kind of gambling, saying that it made no difference whether it was progressive euchre, played in the parlor of a private residence for prizes, or whether it was with chips across the green cloth of a gambling den.

A MONUMENT is to be erected in memory of Charles Floyd, a member of the Lewis and Clark expedition, who died near the present site of Sioux City, Ia., August 20, 1804, while on his way with the party to the head waters of the Missouri river. Floyd was the first United States soldier who died on the "new Louisiana purchase" and was one of the foremost characters in the history of the northwest. His grave is the only visible mark of the Lewis and Clark expedition. Congress is to be asked for \$10,000 for the monument.

THE largest railroad station in the world has been opened to the public at Boston. The depot can receive 4,000 trains in 18 hours. The shed and yards under roof cover 35 acres and shelters 30 miles of rails. It was built at a cost of \$14,000,000. There are 698 switches controlled by a signal system. The train shed will hold 404 ordinary passenger coaches at one time. The platforms and building can comfortably hold 100,000 people. The four other large depots in the order of their size are in Bombay, St. Louis, London and Glasgow.

THOSE members of congress who are opposed to Mr. Roberts of Utah are not certain as to how to prevent Mr. Roberts from taking his seat in the house at the opening of the Fifty-sixth congress. While the sensibilities of the people may be shocked and popular protest excited by the proposition that a polygamous Mormon is to be admitted to a seat in the United States congress, it is not clear whether, under the practices of congress, Mr. Roberts can be denied his seat, however numerous the protests and how ever distasteful to the moral ideas of the community.

## JANUARY—1899.

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## NEWS OF THE WEEK.

### Cleaned By Telegraph and Mail.

#### PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

UNITED STATES SENATOR BURROWS was unanimously nominated by the republican caucus at Lansing, Mich., to succeed himself. As the republicans have a large majority on joint ballot the re-election of Senator Burrows is assured.

THE Colorado legislature met at Denver at noon on the 4th. Gov.-elect Thomas will be inaugurated on the 10th.

PRELIMINARY steps have been taken in Denver, Col., for the organization of the "United States Sixteen to One Money League," its object being to assist in the organization of political parties on the basis of bimetalism.

THE New York legislature convened at Albany on the 4th.

THE proclamation of President McKinley, which was cable to Maj. Gen. Otis at Manila, has been issued to the Filipinos.

GOV. PINGREE's message was read to the Michigan legislature on the 5th. It was a voluminous document and dealt with all the governor's proposed taxation reforms, declared against expansion and inveighed at great length against trusts and corporations.

COL. JULIUS SAN MARTIN, who was in command of the Spanish garrison at Ponce, Porto Rico, when the United States troops under Gen. Miles landed on the island and who abandoned the place without resistance, has been sentenced at Madrid to imprisonment for life.

THE New York Journal on the 7th printed a statement by Richard Croker, the Tammany leader, came out flat-footed for expansion and said that the sixteen to one plank in the Chicago platform was a dead issue.

AT the Jackson banquet of the Duckworth club at Cincinnati William J. Bryan made a speech which was regarded as the formal opening of his anti-expansion fight.

THE president has nominated James D. Yeomans, of Iowa, to be an interstate commerce commissioner.

SENATOR VEST recently telegraphed from Florida to his son that he was feeling well and getting stronger and spoke of soon returning to Washington. On the advice of friends the son wired the senator to remain away from Washington until the grip weather was over.

WILLIAM J. BRYAN spoke at the Jackson banquet at Chicago on the 7th and declared that the Chicago platform was stronger than ever and that the sixteen to one ratio was in it to stay. The question of expansion was subordinated to the silver issue by the Nebraska leader, who was more than usually earnest in his advocacy of the white metal.

FREDERICK SILBERG, one of the most famous Knights of Pythias in the country, died at his home at Cleveland, O., on the 8th. Silberg was six feet five inches tall and weighed 310 pounds. He was one of the axmen known as "the big five" and he had for years led the parade at the national encampments.

GEN. OTIS received word at Manila that the Filipino insurgents had barricaded Iloilo and "kerosened" the principal buildings and threatened to burn the town if attacked by the Americans.

NEWS was received at Vancouver, B. C., of a tremendous landslide near Spences bridge, on the Canadian Pacific railway. The recent thaw had the effect of loosening the sides of a small mountain which overhangs the Fraser river at that point and with a roar that could be heard for over a mile, fully 100 acres of the hill, anywhere from 20 to 50 feet in depth, crashed into the Fraser, damming it completely and sending the water in torrents over the fertile Nicola valley. The course of the river was changed completely.

FOUR bandits boarded a suburban train on the Chicago & Eastern Illinois railroad at Englewood and robbed F. A. Harding, an aged Methodist minister, taking his watch, \$40 and his wallet containing valuable papers. The robbers then jumped off the train and escaped before the passengers had realized what had taken place.

A SENSATIONAL lynching took place at Eagle City, Alaska, recently. Jack Jolly, a saloonkeeper and gambler, had collected a gang of toughs around him and was terrorizing the mining camps. He was waited on by a vigilance committee of 12 determined men and ordered to leave town. He refused and the next day the vigilantes hanged him to the limb of a tree. The toughs and gamblers who had made his place their headquarters immediately left town.

GEORGE TYLER was killed by Thomas Foley in a prize fight at Jersey City, N. J. Foley landed a right swing on Tyler's jaw and broke his neck.

FLORENCE WATSON was found in bed by neighbors at Middletown, O., the other day. She had starved to death. Some time ago she eloped with William Watson and her parents never forgave her.

ADVICE from Holyoke, Mass., on the 4th were to the effect that the proposed writing paper combination had been effected. The capitalization was said to be \$40,000,000.

ATTORNEYS acting for the state of Texas have filed suit in the district court of Dallas county for the judicial forfeiture of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad company, of Texas, and for the appointment of a receiver to take charge of all the company's property. The petition charges numerous violations of the state constitution by the railroad company. The case is set for hearing on January 24.

A FREIGHT train crashed into a passenger train near Elk Valley, Tenn., and four trainmen were killed. Two others badly injured and about \$100,000 damage done to property. No passengers were hurt.

SEVERAL days ago a box arrived at the Air line depot, at Evansville, Ind., from St. Louis addressed to E. L. Thurman. After all efforts to find Mr. Thurman had failed the employees opened the box and found it to contain a human body, apparently a woman's, cut into small pieces. It was believed a murder had been committed.

THE 24-hour bicycle race at New York ended on the 7th in an exciting finish, the winner being a foot in front of the second, who was in turn a wheel in front of the third, with the fourth only a wheel off. The score was: Gimm, Pierce, Turville, Frederick, 450 miles; Lawson, 449 miles; Julius, 447 miles; Hale, 443 miles; Miller, 443 miles. The eight prizes were: \$1,000, \$400, \$250, \$150, \$100, \$75, \$50 and \$25.

A HEAVY windstorm blew down a schoolhouse at Boles, Ark., and three pupils were killed, another fatally hurt and a dozen or so sustained more or less serious injuries.

A FIRE broke out in the Hotel Richelieu at Pittsburgh, Pa., early the other morning and three of the guests were suffocated by the dense smoke and five others were badly hurt. The inmates of the hotel had a frantic fight for life and the place was completely gutted.

An epidemic of grip has broken out among the horses at Lexington, Ky.

THE business failures in the United States for the week ended the 6th were 237, according to Bradstreet's report, against 333 in the corresponding week a year ago.

By an explosion of gasoline the hardware store of Keil & Son at Pemberville, O., was badly wrecked and Augustus Keil, the junior partner, so badly injured that he died in an hour.

THE Hotel Main at Washington, Pa., and the Levens building adjoining were destroyed by fire. Loss, \$100,000; insurance, \$55,000. The fire started in the rear of the Hotel Main and burned so rapidly that many of the occupants narrowly escaped.

A BIG boiler being tested in Hewitt's shipbuilding yards at Barking, Eng., burst and the superintending engineer and eight men were killed. About 40 persons were injured, some fatally. The bodies of the injured were frightfully mutilated. The whole shipbuilding works were wrecked.

MRS. FLORENCE RITCHIE, a member of Frank Daniel's company, fainted while taking a bath at her hotel at Denver, Col., on the 6th and was drowned.

THE flour mill at Venedy, Ill., was demolished by a boiler explosion.

THE Missouri Pacific express train which left Kansas City at 10:40 p. m. on the 3d for St. Louis was wrecked one mile west of Jefferson City the next morning. The wreck was caused by a stone which had rolled down from the bluff on the track. The engine rolled off the track into the river, crushing to death the engineer and fireman who had jumped. All the cars, with the exception of the rear sleeper, left the track, running into the face of the cliff. None of the passengers, however, were seriously injured.

A BARN belonging to a white farmer named Green, near Banks, Ala., was burned the other day, together with some corn and other produce. Suspicion was directed toward Marshall McGregor, a negro in Mr. Green's employ. His body was found afterwards hanging to a tree near where the barn had stood.

THE anarchist movement in France has received an enormous impetus through the growing fear of military despotism. The sum of 200,000 francs has been placed at the disposal of M. Sebastian Faure for the purpose of establishing an anarchist daily newspaper in Paris.

FIRE in the paint shop of the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis railroad at Nashville, Tenn., destroyed ten coaches, including President Thomas' private car and the pay car of the road. The loss on the building was estimated at \$30,000 and on the rolling stock at \$37,500.

THE outside doors of the vault of the Phoenix (R. I.) national bank were blown out by dynamite about one o'clock the other morning, but the three men who attempted to rob the bank were frightened away before they could gain access to the interior apartments, where the money, securities and other valuables were kept.

THE secretary of agriculture forwarded to congress on the 6th a report of the work and expenditures of the agricultural experiment stations for the fiscal year 1898. During that time, says the report, the stations have steadily pursued their investigations, much useful work has been accomplished and the facilities for investigations have been increased.

PHYSICIANS report an epidemic of a mild form of the Russian grip in Decatur, Ill., on the 5th. It was estimated that fully 29 per cent. of the population was effected with the disease, which attacked old and young alike.

THE three children of Charles Hagerman were playing on the ice off Well's island, N. Y., in the St. Lawrence river when it broke and they fell in. The mother rushed to their rescue and the whole four lost their lives.

A FARMER living near Brighton, Col., named A. K. Willis, was robbed of \$7,000 which he had in a bureau drawer. A tramp whom he had sheltered and who disappeared was suspected of having taken the money.

THREE negro children were suffocated to death near Catonsville, Md., on the 4th. The parents were out at work and the young ones set a Christ mass tree on fire.

## GOV. STANLEY SWORN IN

The Sixteenth Governor of Kansas Inducted into Office by Taking the Oath.

### CEREMONIES OF THE INAUGURATION.

The retiring Governor introduced his successor in a few dignified words. The speech of Gov. Stanley—a Governor's Salute Fired by a Battery of Artillery.

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 10.—At noon William Eugene Stanley, the sixteenth governor of the state of Kansas, was inducted into office by taking the oath before Frank Doster, chief justice of the supreme court. At 10:55 the new officers and their escorts took seats reserved for them on the right of the speaker's stand. On the rostrum in front of the stand were seated Gov.



GOV. WILLIAM E. STANLEY.

Leedy, Gov. Stanley, ex-Gov. Morrill, ex-Gov. Lawrence and Chief Justice Frank Doster. Gov. Leedy was in good form and speech and approached his final duty with dignity. He spoke without manuscript, in strong voice, though a little husky from the effects of a recent cold. In substance, he said:

Citizens of Kansas, we are assembled here to-day to witness the induction into office of those whom the people of Kansas have chosen to succeed the administration of the populist party. I bespeak for them the same consideration accorded the administration of the populist party of Kansas. I take pleasure to introduce to you the governor of Kansas.

Cheers followed the brief speech of Gov. Leedy. Gov. Stanley left his chair and, raising his hand, said:

The whole world is getting ready for the advent of the new year. The years are filled with a spirit of fraternity. One of the greatest nations of the old world is advocating a general disarmament in anticipation of the time when peace shall be the order of the day. The world is in good form and speech and approached his final duty with dignity. He spoke without manuscript, in strong voice, though a little husky from the effects of a recent cold. In substance, he said:

Kansas is in touch with all the hope the present day will bring and is getting ready to greet the new century with a shout of welcome. Its toilers on the farms, in the workshop, at the bench, on the railroad, behind the counter and in the mines are prosperous, contented and happy.

Kansas demands a good administration of her representatives—that is unquestioned; the difficulty is in the right way. Some would build on the foundation of conservatism and would build so strongly in this direction that in their judgment the structure they would build would be as strong as the everlasting hills. Some would build on the foundation of radicalism, and make an edifice so secure that the gates of hell could not prevail against it.

The growing spirit of fraternity must bring these elements together and public servants must serve all alike. Friendship will bridge chasms, remove obstacles and head differences and we must all be friends. Differences will exist but they must not lead to estrangements. Out of all colors and tongues and trades and creeds Kansas is forming a strong citizenship and if the union is characterized by kindness and forbearance, it will be as prosperous as it is strong.

We are fast learning that in politics as in geometry, the straight line is the shortest distance between two points, and that the best way is the right way; and with words of praise for all that is good in the past, congratulating the outgoing administration for much of good that it has done, the incoming administration asks for the support and encouragement that has been given those that have gone before, and with this support it turns to the work before it with confidence and hope.

As he closed his speech, Gov. Stanley said: "Mr. Chief Justice, I am now ready to take the oath of office," and the brief words by the magistrate responded to by Mr. Stanley made a new governor and closed the second populist administration of Kansas. As the new governor was taking the oath, a governor's salute began firing from the battery of artillery stationed in the adjacent yard.

### REVISION IN MISSOURI.

Very Law on the Statute Books Will Be Repealed, Reintroduced and Re-Enacted at the Present Legislative Session.

Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 10.—Representative Pope, chairman of the committee appointed to arrange upon a plan for the revision of the statutes, says that the work of the last revision was a bungling job and that this time the work will be done right. He says that every law upon the statute books will be repealed and every law reintroduced and re-enacted. This will be the biggest undertaking ever attempted by Missouri legislature, and the members are already beginning to realize that if this is done the session will not end at the close of 120 days, after which the members must work for \$1 a day.

### A Mother Superior Found Dead.

St. Louis, Jan. 10.—Sister Margaret Newman, mother superior of the Ursuline convent, Twelfth street and Russell avenue, was killed by falling from a third-story porch to the brick-paved yard, her skull being fractured. It is not known when the fall occurred, the body being found at an early hour with life extinct. Deceased was 35 years of age.

## MARKET REPORTS.

### Kansas—Live Stock.

Kansas City, Jan. 9.—Cattle—Receipts since Saturday, 7,750; calves, 142; shipped Saturday, 15; cattle, no calves. Best fat cattle steady, others weak to the lower. The following are representative sales:

DRILLED SHEEP AND SHIPPING STEERS.	Ave. Price.	No.	Ave. Price.	No.
18.....	1.45	22	1.35	33
22.....	1.38	30	1.18	305
19.....	1.34	30	1.19	45
17.....	1.37	30	1.20	40

WESTERN STEERS.	Ave. Price.	No.	Ave. Price.	No.
91.....	1.18	81	1.20	477
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NATIVE STOCKERS.	Ave. Price.	No.	Ave. Price.	No.
19.....	1.17	40	1.20	415
13.....	1.17	40	1.20	415
13.....	1.17	40	1.20	415
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NATIVE HEIFERS.	Ave. Price.	No.	Ave. Price.	No.
7.....	1.17	40	1.20	415
7.....	1.17	40	1.20	415
7.....	1.17	40	1.20	415
7.....	1.17	40	1.20	415

NATIVE FLEECES.	Ave. Price.	No.	Ave. Price.	No.
27.....	1.17	40	1.20	415
27.....	1.17	40	1.20	415
27.....	1.17	40	1.20	415
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Hogs—Receipts since Saturday, 11,675; shipped Saturday, none. The best heavy hogs were steady to strong and light weights were weak. The following are representative sales:

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St. Louis Live Stock. Chicago, Jan. 9.—Cattle—Receipts, 4,500; market slow for natives with Texans easy to lower, native shipping steers, 4.50@4.75; light and dressed beef and butcher steers, \$3.50@3.75; stockers and feeders, \$2.75@3.40; cows and heifers, \$2.00@2.50; Texas and Indian steers, \$2.50@3.00; hogs—Receipts, 10,000; market better; pigs and light hogs, \$3.15@3.25; packers, \$3.25@3.50; butchers, \$3.45@3.65.

Sheep—Receipts, 1,000; market strong; native muttons, \$3.50@3.75; lambs, \$4.00@4.25.

Chicago Live Stock. Chicago, Jan. 9.—Cattle—Receipts, 15,000; best steady, others weaker, \$4.10@4.25; light and dressed beef and butcher steers, \$3.50@3.75; stockers and feeders, \$2.75@3.40; cows and heifers, \$2.00@2.50; Texas and Indian steers, \$2.50@3.00; hogs—Receipts, 10,000; market better; pigs and light hogs, \$3.15@3.25; packers, \$3.25@3.50; butchers, \$3.45@3.65.

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Chicago Grain and Provisions. Jan. 9. Opened High'st Low'st Closing

Wheat—May	104 1/2	71 1/2	7 1/2	70 1/2
June	60 1/2	60 1/2	3 1/2	59 1/2
July	37 1/2	37 1/2	37	37 1/2
Aug.	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2

Oats—Jan.	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2
May	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2
June	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2
July	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2

Pork—Jan.	9 7/8	9 7/8	9 7/8	9 7/8
May	9 7/8	9 7/8	9 7/8	9 7/8
June	9 7/8	9 7/8	9 7/8	9 7/8
July	9 7/8	9 7/8	9 7/8	9 7/8

Lard—Jan.	5 7/8	5 7/8	5 7/8	5 7/8
May	5 7/8	5 7/8	5 7/8	5 7/8
June	5 7/8	5 7/8	5 7/8	5 7/8
July	5 7/8	5 7/8	5 7/8	5 7/8

Ribs—Jan.	5 7/8	5 7/8	5 7/8	5 7/8
May	5 7/8	5 7/8	5 7/8	5 7/8
June	5 7/8	5 7/8	5 7/8	5 7/8
July	5 7/8	5 7/8	5 7/8	5 7/8

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